GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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CONVERSION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS INTO HERITAGE HOTELS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to convert some historical buildings into heritage hotels;

(b) if so, the names of such buildings classified as heritage hotels so far and the expenditure incurred in conversion, locationwise; and

(c) the estimated increase in the number of tourists due to this decision and additional revenue likely to be earned as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. In a bid to increase the accommodation in the country, Ministry of Tourism has formulated guidelines for approval of Heritage hotels. Old palaces, havelies, castles, forts and residences built prior to 1950 can thus be converted into Heritage hotels. Presently there are 70 Heritage hotels in the country which have been classified by this Ministry as per the list enclosed showing details locationwise. The scheme for classification of Heritage hotels is a voluntary scheme and it is mostly the entrepreneurs in the private sector who have shown interest to convert their properties into hotels and therefore, the details on the expenditure incurred in the conversion of such properties is not available with this Ministry.

Heritage properties are becoming popular both among the domestic and foreign tourists as a large number of tourists are staying in the Heritage hotels so that they can have the unique experience of staying in such historical buildings.